"SAVE SAKAGUCHI"....
KIYOI'S WISH WILL BE GRANTED!
IT'S TIME, KIYOI-CHAN
FOR THE OATH
!
FLOAT
FLOAT
[selector infected WIXOSS -peeping analyze-]

HAVE YOU PREPARED YOURSELF?

I ACCEPT
...I ACCEPT...
THE LAWS OF THE SELE-CTOR
THE LAWS OF THE SELE-CTOR...
AND NOW!

selector infected WIXOSS -peeping analyze-

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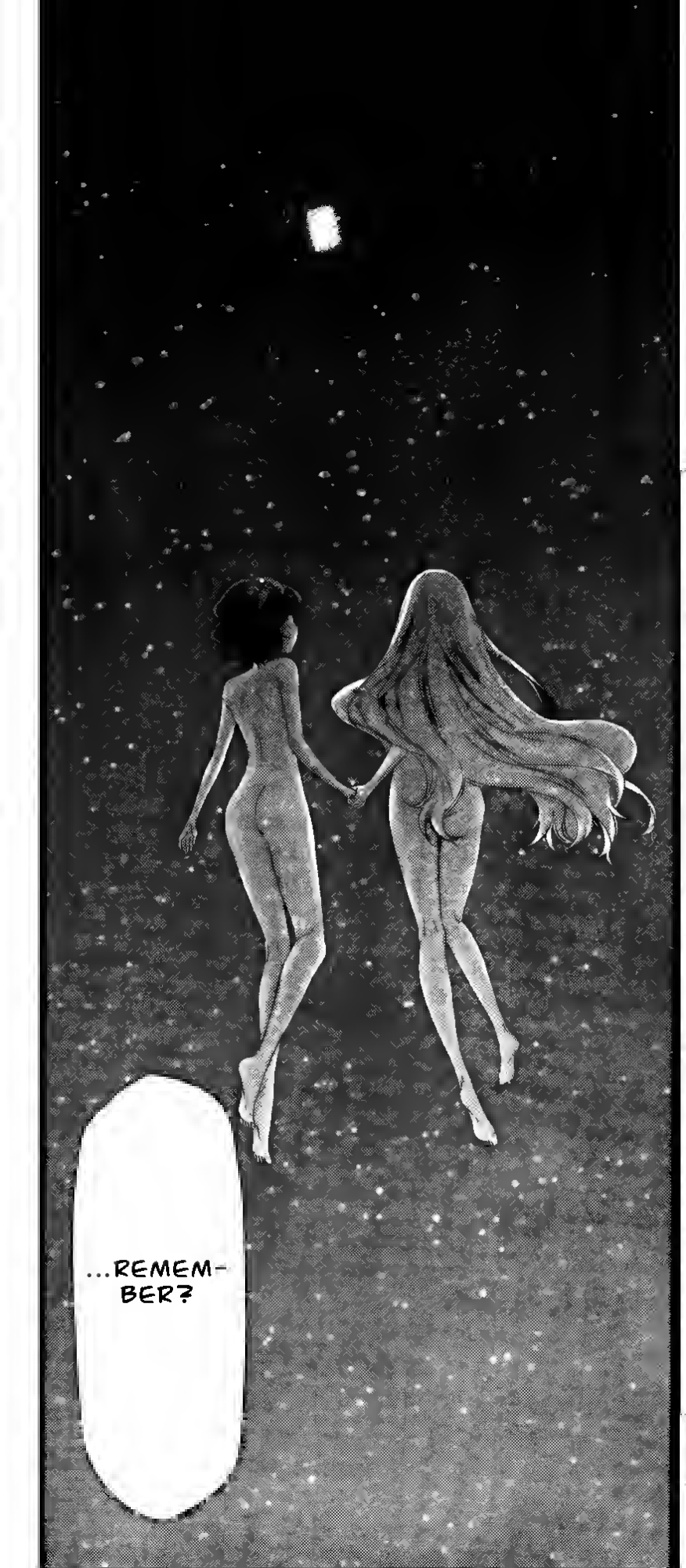
Episode 03:pay for a wish

!?
FREEZE
WE'LL USE THIS CHANCE TO ATTACK..!
KSSHH
KSSHH
SPELL!
ICE BREAK!!

KAAH
AAAH HHH!
!

CRACK
!?
YOU DID IT, KIYOI-CHAN
IT'S THE BIRTH OF A NEW ETERNAL GIRL
!
WHAT'S THAT?

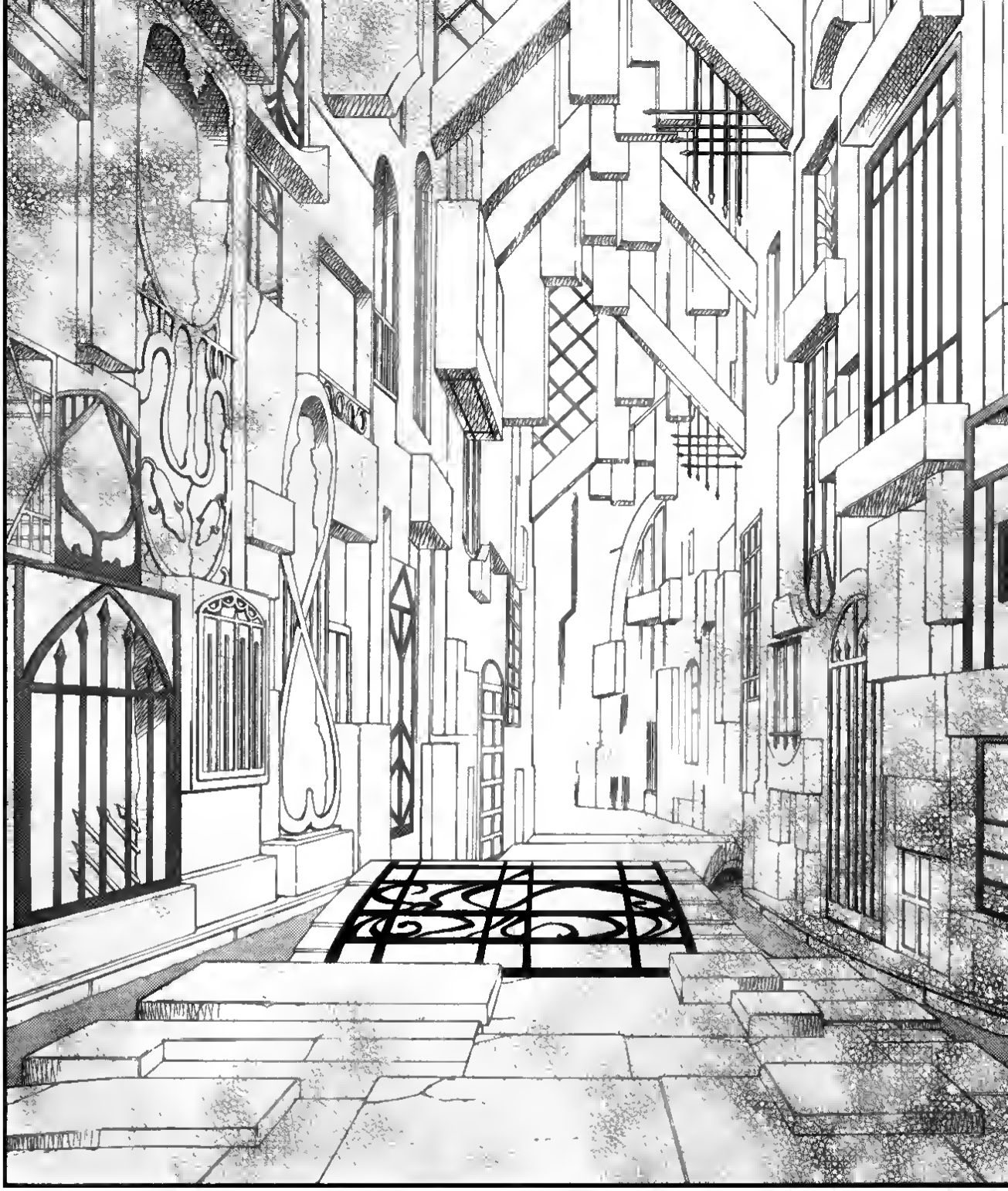

...REMEM-
BER?

YOUR WISH WILL BE GRANTED ONCE YOU PASS THROUGH IT
KIYOI-CHAN

THANK YOU VERY MUCH... FOR FOLLOWING MY PREDICTIONS SO EARNESTLY

ACK
CRA
WHOOOSH
WHOOOSH
WHOO
WHOO
!?
WHOO

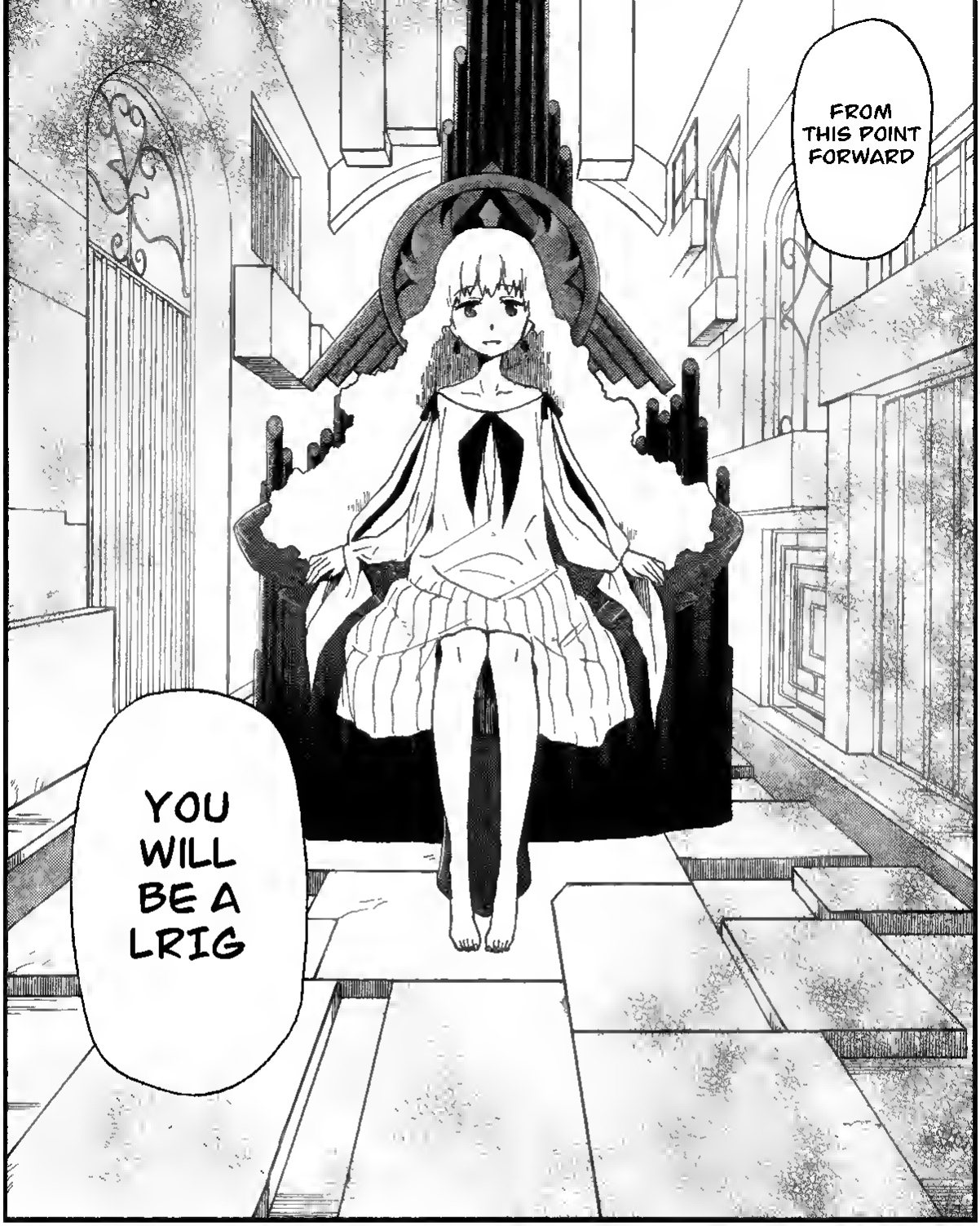
YOUR WISH
WHOO
I WILL GRANT
WHOO
WHOO
WHOO



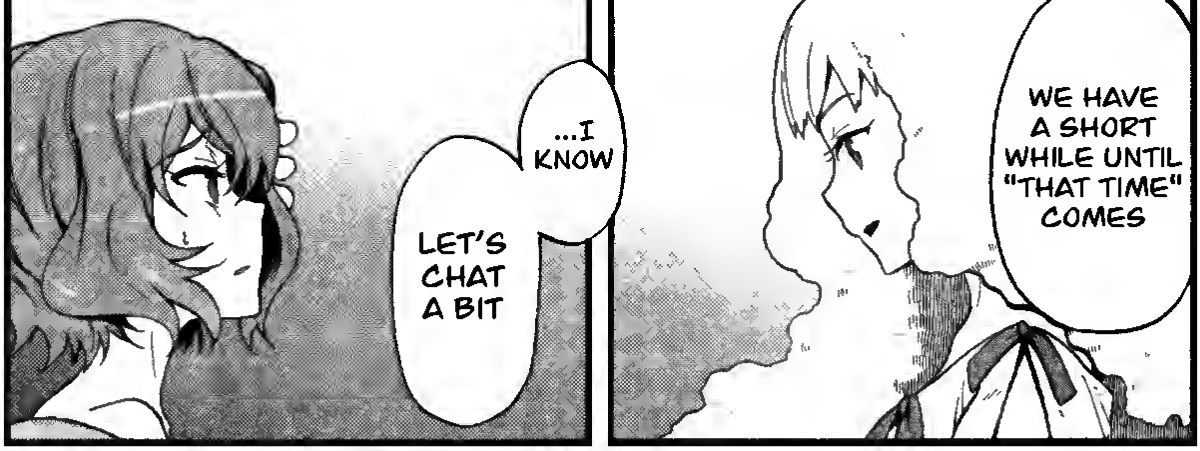
WHERE AM...?
NN...

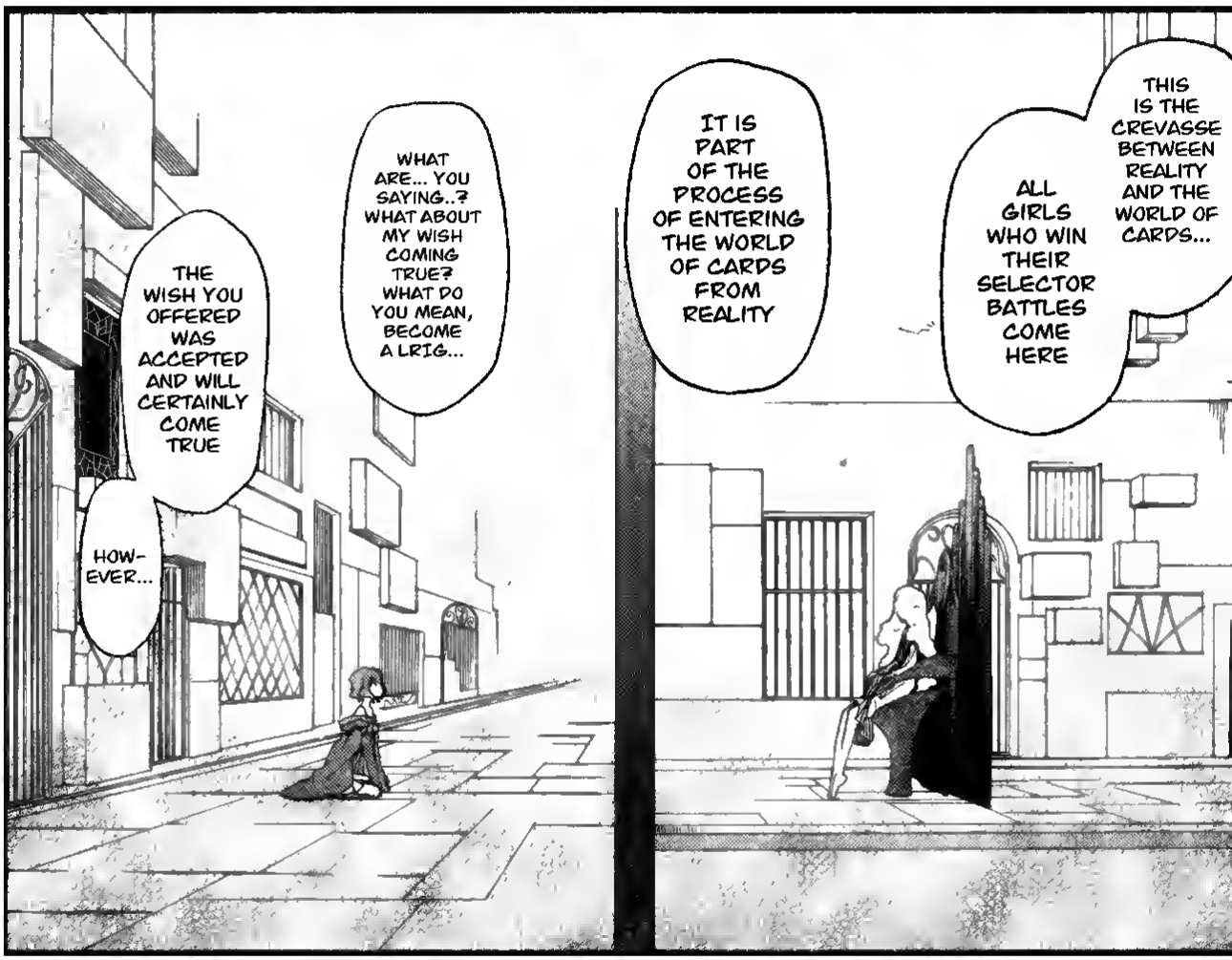
HAVE YOU AWO-KEN?
!
NICE TO MEET YOU, KIYOI-SAN
I AM MAYU
..?

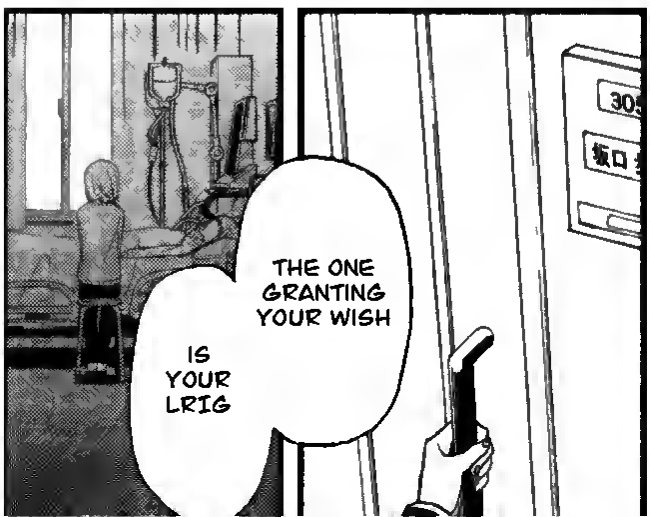
..?
WHAT...
IS THIS..?


FROM THIS POINT FORWARD
YOU WILL BE A LRIG

HUH..?


WE HAVE A SHORT WHILE UNTIL "THAT TIME" COMES
...I KNOW
LET'S CHAT A BIT

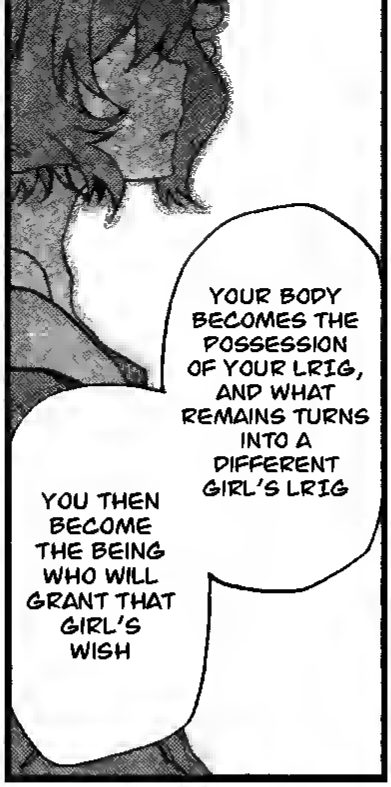

THIS IS THE CREVASSE BETWEEN REALITY AND THE WORLD OF CARDS...
ALL GIRLS WHO WIN THEIR SELECTOR BATTLES COME HERE
IT IS PART OF THE PROCESS OF ENTERING THE WORLD OF CARDS FROM REALITY
WHAT ARE... YOU SAYING..? WHAT ABOUT MY WISH COMING TRUE? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, BECOME A LRIG...
THE WISH YOU OFFERED WAS ACCEPTED AND WILL CERTAINLY COME TRUE
HOW-EVER...

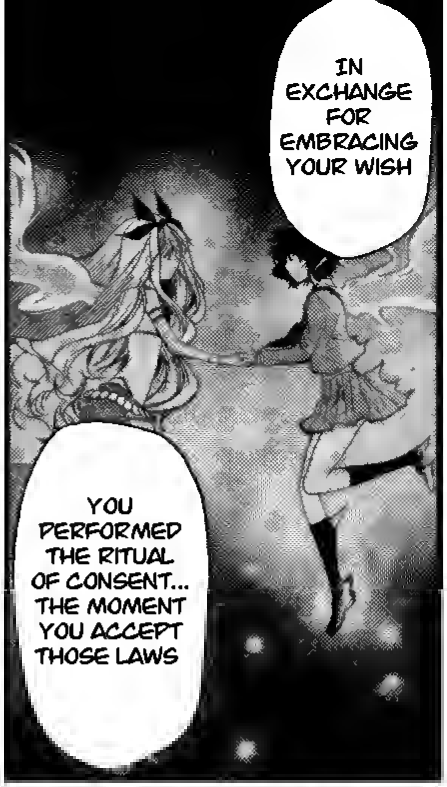

THE ONE GRANTING YOUR WISH IS YOUR LRIG

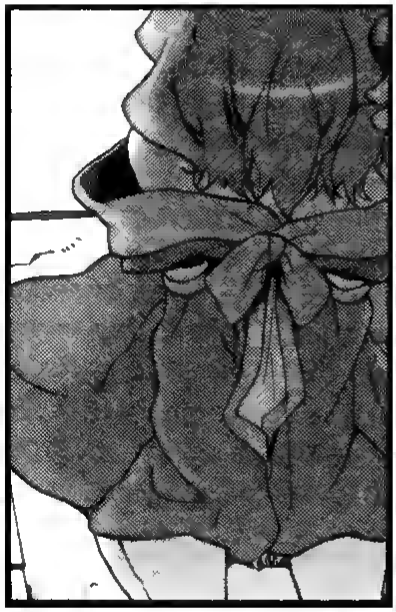
THE ONE GRANTING THE WISH WILL NOT BE YOU YOURSELF

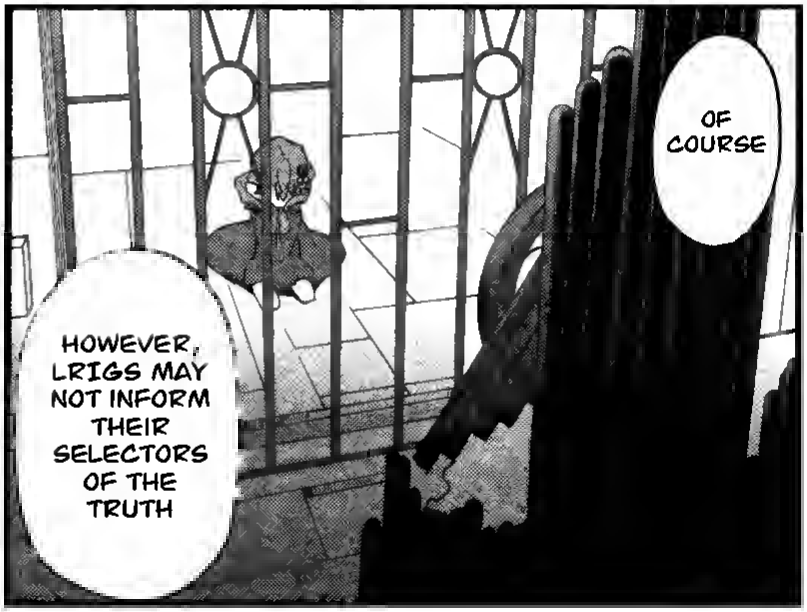
OH
KIYOI-CHAN
GOOD AFTERNOON
REMEMBER IS...
IN MY BODY..?

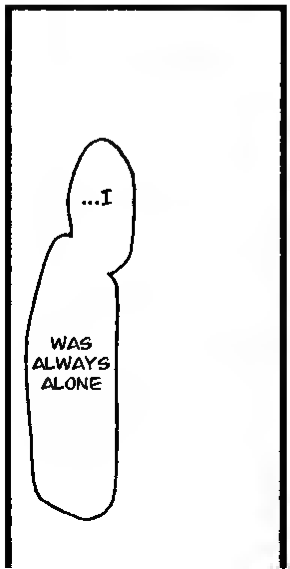
...OUR BODIES GET SWAPPED...
DID REMEMBER KNOW THIS?


YOUR BODY BECOMES THE POSSESSION OF YOUR LRIG, AND WHAT REMAINS TURNS INTO A DIFFERENT GIRL'S LRIG
YOU THEN BECOME THE BEING WHO WILL GRANT THAT GIRL'S WISH


IN EXCHANGE FOR EMBRACING YOUR WISH
YOU PERFORMED THE RITUAL OF CONSENT... THE MOMENT YOU ACCEPT THOSE LAWS

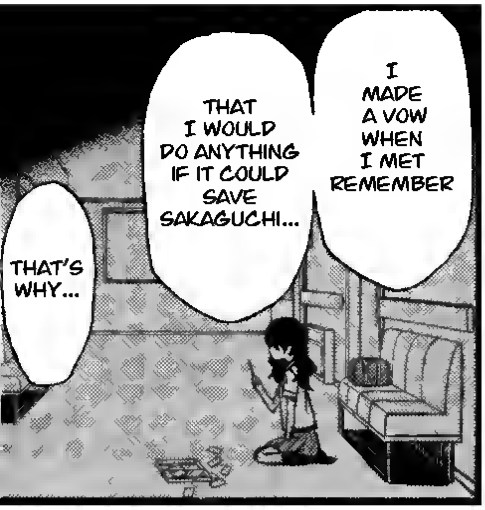


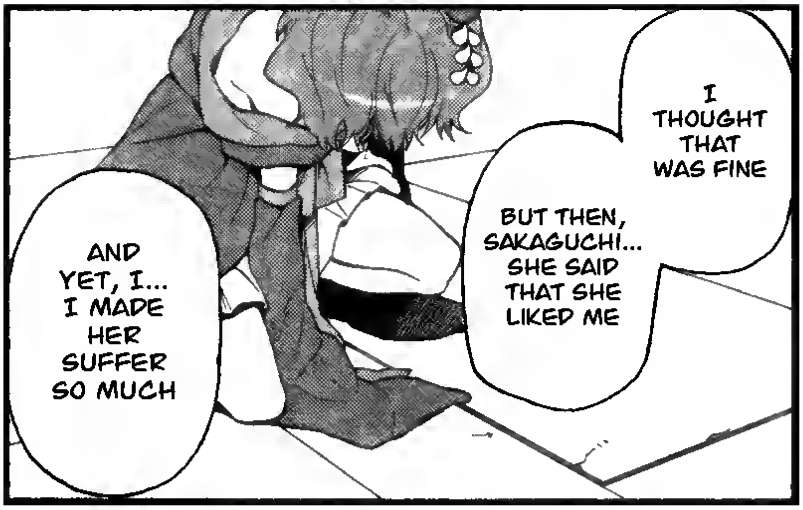

OF COURSE
HOWEVER, LRIGS MAY NOT INFORM THEIR SELECTORS OF THE TRUTH


...I WAS ALWAYS ALONE

EVERY GIRL REACTS THE SAME WAY UPON HEARING THIS TALE
"THAT'S HORRIBLE!" "I WAS TRICKED!"

...YOU'RE ACTING CONSIDERABLY CALM
OR PERHAPS THIS WAS TOO MUCH TO TAKE IN AT ONCE?


I MADE A VOW WHEN I MET REMEMBER
THAT I WOULD DO ANYTHING IF IT COULD SAVE SAKAGUCHI...
THAT'S WHY...


I THOUGHT THAT WAS FINE
BUT THEN, SAKAGUCHI... SHE SAID THAT SHE LIKED ME
AND YET, I... I MADE HER SUFFER SO MUCH

YOU WILL NEVER RETURN TO YOUR OWN BODY
THE GIRL YOU WISHED TO SAVE WILL NEVER KNOW OF YOUR SACRIFICE
...IS THAT STILL ACCEP-TABLE?

...I HATE IT
BUT STILL...

IF SAKAGUCHI CAN BE SAVED BECAUSE I WAS A SELECTOR...
IF SHE CAN LIVE AND SMILE AGAIN, THEN I NEED NOTHING MORE
IT DOESN'T MATTER
WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME
PLUS, REMEMBER COULDN'T TELL ME THE TRUTH EVEN IF SHE WANTED TO
I KNOW HOW BAD THE PENALTY FOR FAILING IS...
IT'S NOT HER FAULT THAT SHE COULDN'T ACT AGAINST THE RULES
REMEMBER TOLD ME THAT SHE WOULD GRANT MY WISH
EVERY-THING IS FINE
DO YOU BELIEVE IN YOUR LRIG?

...I SEE
MY FRIEND
...SHE IS
THEY'RE BOUND... BY THESE TERRIBLE RULES
AFTER LISTENING TO WHAT YOU SAID I'VE MORE OR LESS FIGURED OUT HOW THESE BATTLES ARE ORGANIZED
WHY?
STILL... I HAVE NO INTENTION OF BECOMING A LRIG
REMEMBER GAINED CONTROL OF MY BODY, AND JUST LIKE I'VE NOW BECOME A LRIG OTHER LRIGS MUST HAVE ORIGINALLY BEEN REAL GIRLS WHO ATTEMPTED TO BECOME ETERNAL GIRLS
BY WINNING IN BATTLE AND BECOMING AN ETERNAL GIRL, A LRIG, YOU OBTAIN THE POWER TO GRANT ANOTHER GIRL'S WISH...

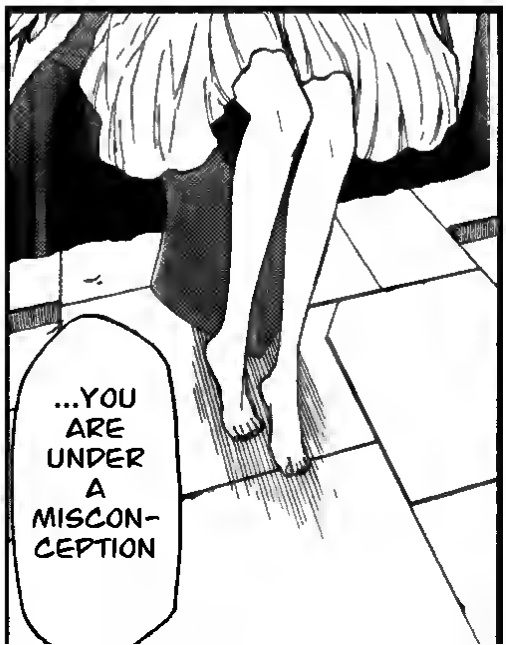
THAT ABOUT SUMS IT UP
SWAPPED BODIES
USE THEM TO GRANT THEIR SELECTORS' WISHES, AND CAN ONCE AGAIN RETURN TO THE REAL WORLD IN THEIR
THOSE GIRLS WHO GAIN SPECIAL POWERS AS LRIGS
THEY ARE BOUND BY THE RULES AND COERCED INTO BETRAYAL
...THERE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN A SINGLE LIE TOLD BUT AFTER SELECTORS ARE ENTICED BY THE SACCHARINE WORDS AND TRICKED INTO BECOMING LRIGS
I'M GLAD YOU'RE QUICK TO UNDER-STAND

I WILL
NEVER DECEIVE SOMEONE JUST TO RETURN TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD
NOT ON MY LIFE!
THIS ISN'T
THE WIXOSS THAT SAKAGUCHI LOVED AT ALL!

IF THAT IS YOUR INTENTION
THEN YOU'LL BE TRAPPED IN A CARD FOREVER
IS THAT STILL ACCEP-TABLE?

YOU'RE THE FIRST GIRL WHO HAS EVER DECIDED TO STAY IN THE WORLD OF CARDS OF HER OWN WILL...
...WHAT A DILEMMA HOW SHALL THE GAME CONTINUE NOW?

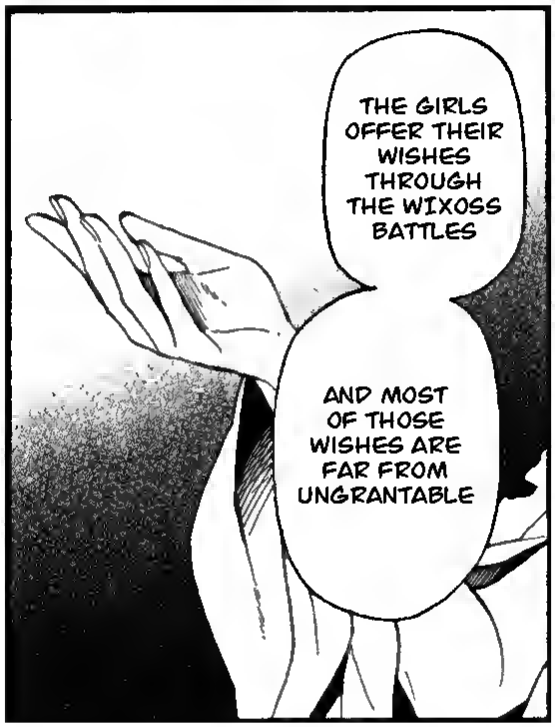
IT'S JUST GOING BACK TO BEFORE
IF IT MEANS I'LL NEVER MEET SAKAGUCHI IN MY BODY... IF IT MEANS I'LL HAVE TO DECEIVE SOMEBODY, THEN I REFUSE

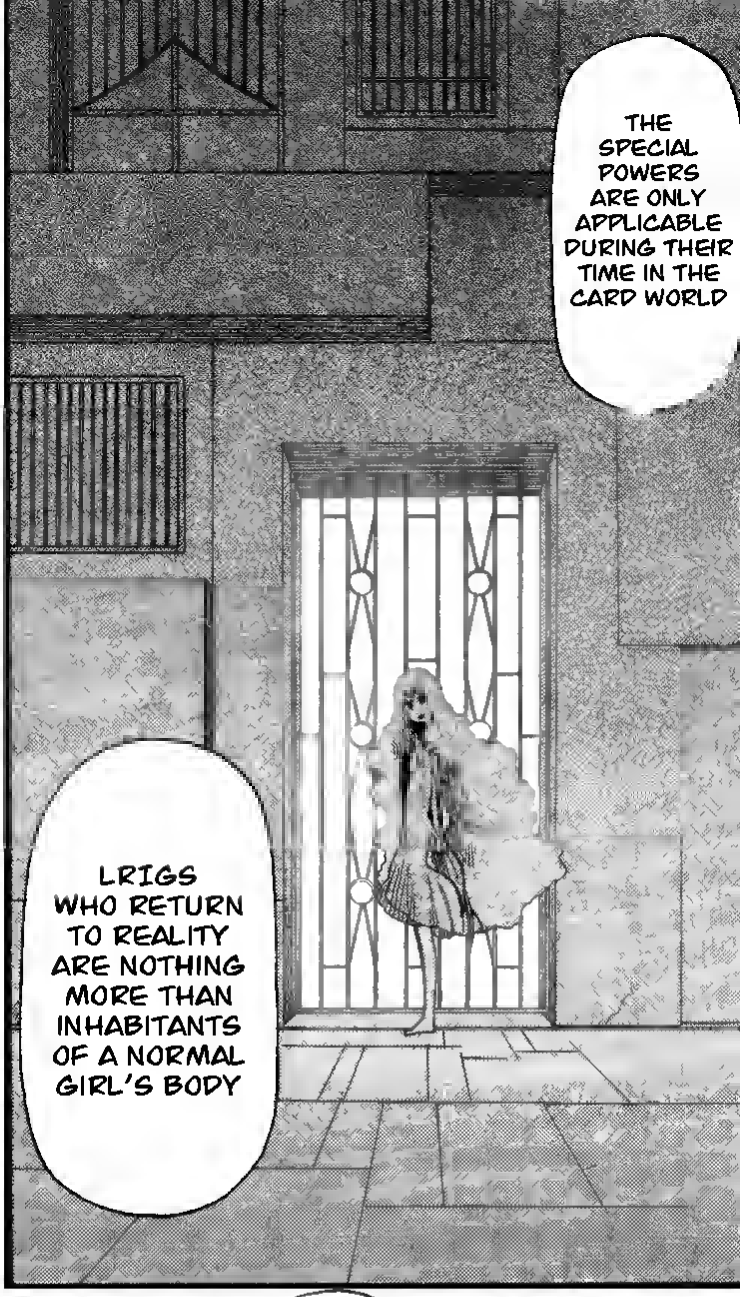

...YOU ARE UNDER A MISCON-CEPTION

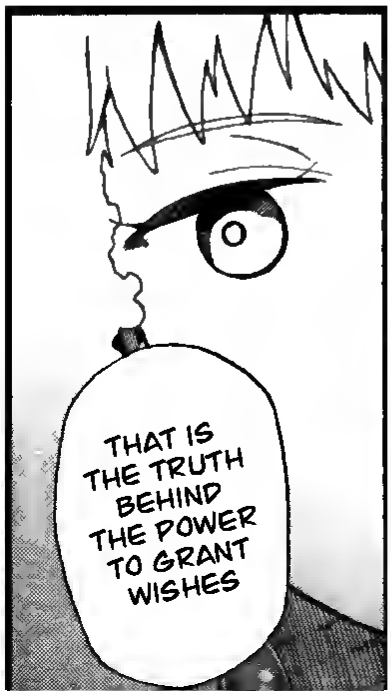
...JUST WHAT ARE YOU?
GAME..?

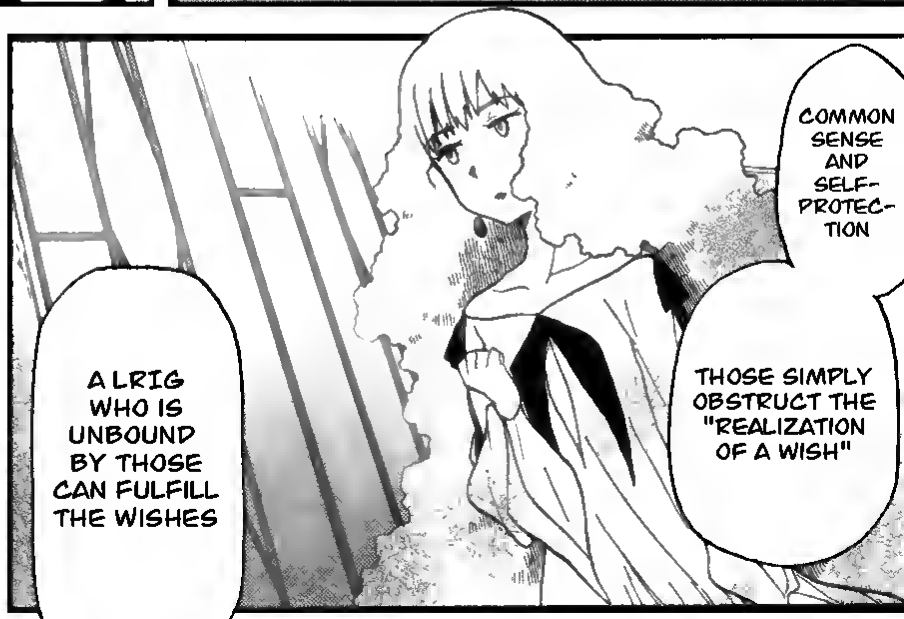
WISHES DO NOT COME TRUE
THEY ARE GRANTED
JUST AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE, YOUR LRIG IS THE ONE GRANTING YOUR WISH
TURN
AND AS FOR THE LRIG IN YOUR BODY
SHE HAS NOT A TRACE OF ANY SPECIAL POWERS
...HUH?

...NO WAY
BUT, THEN...


THE GIRLS OFFER THEIR WISHES THROUGH THE WIXOSS BATTLES
AND MOST OF THOSE WISHES ARE FAR FROM UNGRANTABLE

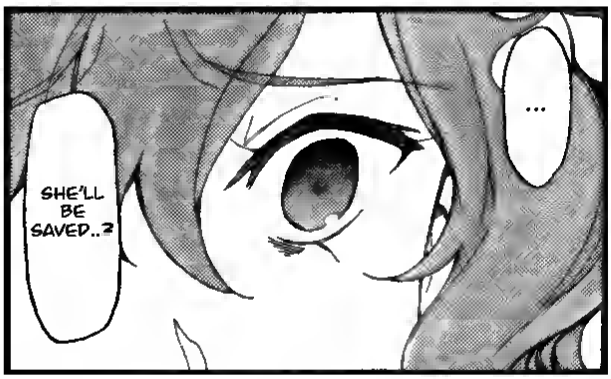

THE SPECIAL POWERS ARE ONLY APPLICABLE DURING THEIR TIME IN THE CARD WORLD
LRIGS WHO RETURN TO REALITY ARE NOTHING MORE THAN INHABITANTS OF A NORMAL GIRL'S BODY

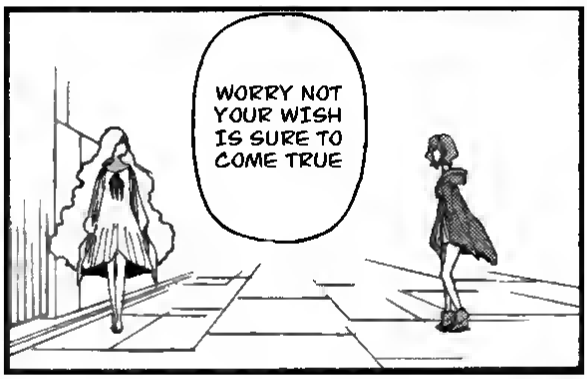

THAT IS THE TRUTH BEHIND THE POWER TO GRANT WISHES


A LRIG WHO IS UNBOUND BY THOSE CAN FULFILL THE WISHES
THOSE SIMPLY OBSTRUCT THE "REALIZATION OF A WISH"
COMMON SENSE AND SELF-PROTEC-TION

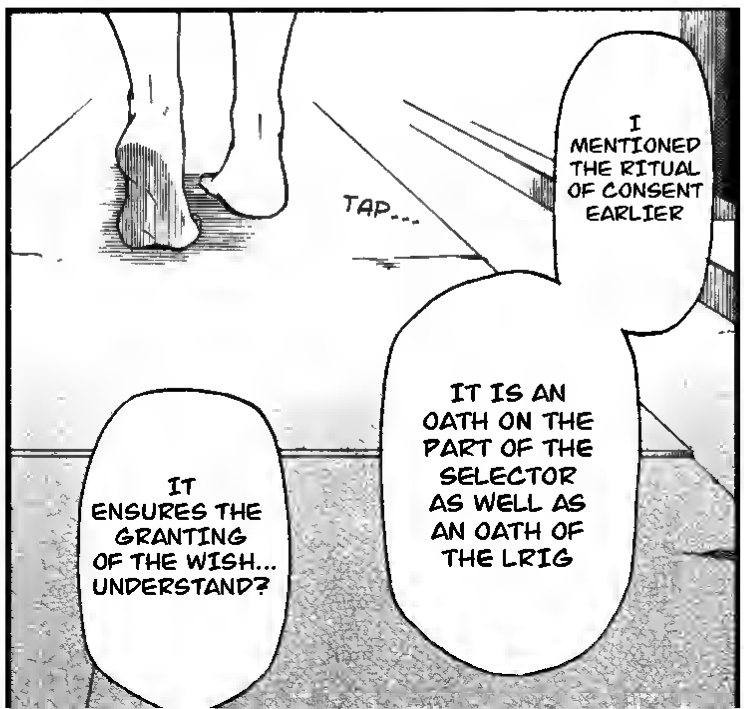
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING A SIMPLE CHILD CAN DO?!
UNLESS A MIRACLE HAPPENS..!

WAIT...
SAKAGUCHI WON'T EVER WAKE UP
EVEN THE DOCTORS HAVE GIVEN UP


...
SHE'LL BE SAVED..?

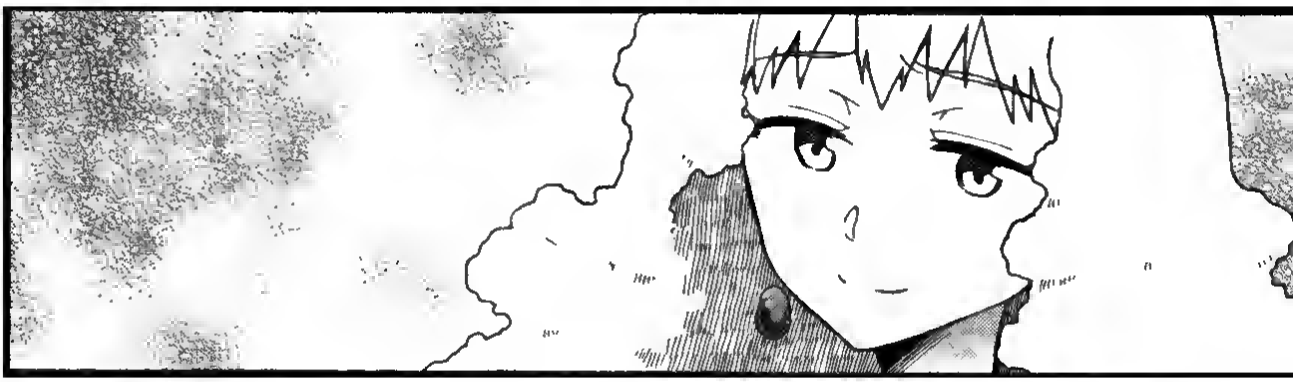

WORRY NOT YOUR WISH IS SURE TO COME TRUE

LRIGS WHO ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL THE OATH WILL VANISH
THEY LITERALLY DISAPPEAR


TAP...
I MENTIONED THE RITUAL OF CONSENT EARLIER
IT IS AN OATH ON THE PART OF THE SELECTOR AS WELL AS AN OATH OF THE LRIG
IT ENSURES THE GRANTING OF THE WISH... UNDERSTAND?

SQUEEZE
DO YOU BELIEVE IN YOUR LRIG?

WHEN A LRIG ACCEPTS A WISH AND BINDS THE CONTRACT
IT MEANS THAT SHE MUST HAVE A METHOD OF GRANTING THE WISH IN MIND



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SLIDE

I WOULD NORMALLY NEVER DO THIS
BUT I CAN'T HAVE YOU CONTINUE TO DENY THE GAME... THIS IS A SPECIAL CASE

SAKA-
GUCHI...
REMEMBER..!
...REMEM-
BER?
HEY...
WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING..?

I DID A LITTLE BIT OF PREPARATION
SO THAT NOBODY WILL INTERFERE
NOW PEACE-FULLY
ENJOY YOUR REST

...HUH?
SAKAGUCHI IS... SAKAGUCHI IS..!
WHA... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
THAT GIRL WAS SAVED
!?
!
FUMP
REMEM-BER!
COME BACK! PLEASE, REMEM-BER!
STOMP

BY HER DEATH

YES... SHE WAS RELEASED FROM HER ETERNAL SUFFERING
STOP FOOLING AROUND! AT THIS RATE... SAKAGUCHI WILL...!

CONGRAT
-ULATIONS
YOUR
WISH
WAS
GRANTED
In the face of an unimaginable "fulfillment" of her wish, and the price far too much to bear, what will Kiyoi do..?
To be continued